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### SPEECHLESS FROM ASTONISHMENT.

When W. J. Cassard, son-in-law of Mr. Platt, and the man who had undertaken to prevent him saying anything, read the interview he was so astonished that for a time he was speechless. In that interview were many things that Mr. Cassard and other members of the family had never heard before. The thing was a bigger shock to the family than the publication of the original suit, and it resulted in a family conference, at which measures were taken to see that Mr. Platt doesn't get a chance to say anything more.

It was a little before 10 o'clock to-day when Mr. Cassard left the Platt house, at No. 7 East Fifty-fourth street. He was asked about Mr. Platt's condition, and he said:

"Mr. Platt will not leave the house to-day under any circumstances. He will not have an opportunity to repeat his talk of yesterday."

"Is he under guard?" was asked.

"I am not prepared to say any such thing," said Mr. Cassard, with a smile. "I can only say that Mr. Platt will not leave the house to-day."

It was intimated to Mr. Cassard that Mr. Platt is a man of very strong will and not at all the sort of a man to be thwarted.

"Nevertheless," said Mr. Cassard, "Mr. Platt will not leave the house. Of that you can be very certain. He will not talk either. Perhaps Mr. Platt does not care to go out. I think as a matter of fact that Mr. Platt does not care to go out."

Mr. Cassard was asked about Mr. Platt's interview. He said:

"I am sorry to say that the interview is genuine. I knew nothing of it until I picked up the papers and read it there. I had done everything I could to protect Mr. Platt, but evidently there was some flaw in my arrangements. I told the engineer of the building at No. 14 Church street to put out anybody who tried to see the old gentleman. Many came and he put them out. He thought he had succeeded in stopping everybody, but apparently some one did get to Mr. Platt."

### FAMILY FEELS SITUATION KEENLY.

"The family feels the situation very much more keenly to-day than it did before. We have not regarded the matter as such a dirty mess so much as we have looked at it as the case of an old man tricked by an unscrupulous woman. It isn't such a strange and unprecedented case. As to Mr. Platt's mental condition I do not want to say anything. At the present time Mr. Platt is all right and can be relied upon at the proper time to give testimony that will absolutely prove that he was blackmailed and that he is entitled to get his money back."

"Mr. Platt told of things in his interview that we never knew before. We had no idea that he had known this woman for twenty years. We thought the affair was of about eight years' duration, and that there had been big gaps in his friendship for Mrs. Elias."

"It wasn't until this suit was filed that we knew of the matter at all. I see that Mr. Isaac Platt knew of it sooner, but he did not take us in his confidence. At the time of Mr. Green's murder we all talked of it together, but Mr. Platt never showed any signs of agitation and no more than the usual amount of interest which such a tragedy would excite. There doesn't seem to be any cause for us now but to keep quiet and let the thing die a natural death. That is why I say that Mr. Platt will not leave the house to-day and will not talk."

### MR. PLATT WAS "OUT."

A messenger boy called at the Platt house shortly after Mr. Cassard left to-day with a telegram for Mr. Platt. He told the woman who opened the door that there was money as well as a message in the envelope. The woman said that Mr. Platt was not at home. The boy insisted on having Mr. Platt's signature to his receipt book. He was unable to get near Mr. Platt, and so did not leave the telegram.

Mr. Cassard was informed of this incident by an Evening World reporter, and he said:

"I left instructions to tell all callers for Mr. Platt that he was out. That is why the woman gave that message to the boy. Mr. Platt is in the house and will stay there. He shouldn't have been allowed out yesterday. He will not be allowed out to-day."

Mrs. Elias is still in her house on Central Park West to-day, while Pinkerton men and deputy sheriffs are guarding it. Every attempt to arrange for the woman to accept service in some one or all of the three cases now pending against her has failed, and while Mrs. Elias is wandering about her luxurious home wringing her hands and indulging in noisy hysteria, to the terror of the faithful Kato and the amusement of the detectives, every possible exit has a man planted in front of it ready to give the alarm if Mrs. Elias appears.

Deputy Sheriff Walgering returned to the Sheriff's office shortly before noon and announced that he had been unable to serve the order of arrest on Hannah Elias. As the matter now rests there is nothing for the Sheriff's officers to do but to wait until Mrs. Elias is ready to accept service or to watch her house in the hope that she will appear in public, where they have a right to serve her.

Mrs. Elias has the right to allow the deputy to enter her house for the purpose of serving her and then hand over \$20,000 cash bail. This would make it unnecessary for her to accompany the deputy or to expose herself in public. In the end Deputy Walgering believes that the woman will adopt this method.

### NO PAPERS SERVED YET.

Lyman E. Warren, head counsel for Mr. Platt, made the astonishing statement to-day that not one of the papers in the actions against Mrs. Elias has yet been served on her. There are now three actions—the suit for the recovery of the property, the restraining injunction which prevents Mrs. Elias from disposing of any of the property alleged to have been bought with Mr. Platt's money and the order of arrest. Officially the woman is not cognizant of any of the actions against her.

James F. O'Brien, of Mr. Warren's firm, then went up to Mrs. Elias's house with a relief guard to take the places of the men who have been on duty all night at the house. The method of guarding Mrs. Elias is very thorough. A deputy sheriff is stationed on a roof commanding a view of the rear of the house of the Elias woman to guard against her escape by way of the back yard and a line of fences, over which she might reach either Eighty-third or Eighty-fourth street. Close by there is a Pinkerton man in a cab ready to pursue her if she should make a sudden dash.

There were lights in the mansion all night. Occasionally the watchers heard the voice of Mrs. Elias, shrill with rage. The names she called the devoted Japanese servant Kato made the deputy sheriffs shiver. Mrs. Elias has a particularly violent temper.

Kato left the house at 6 o'clock this morning and went to the nearest news stand. He bought a copy of each of the morning papers and hurried back to the house. A detective tried to go in with him, but he was too cunning and succeeded in reaching the vestibule and locking the outside door. While he was gone Mrs. Elias, wild eyed and disheveled, peeped at the watchers through the curtains at an upper window.

### BABY NOT IN HOUSE, KATO SAYS.

An Evening World reporter asked Kato if the baby that was born to Mrs. Elias last April was in the house. He said that it was not, and that he did not know where it was. Kato looked as though he was not entirely satisfied to be in Central Park West.

Nevertheless this baby is still living with its mother. There is no evidence that this baby was ever used as a means of getting money out of Mr. Platt. Paternity of the dead child, Gwendolyn Toyo Elias, was charged to Mr. Platt by the mother, but Mr. Platt has never claimed that an attempt was made to foist this last child on him.

If Mrs. Elias persists in remaining indoors the restraining injunction will probably have to be extended. It is returnable on Monday, and there seems little likelihood now that any service can be made in time. However, the watchers are patient. Said Mr. O'Brien to-day, as he posted the relief:

"We are patient and we can wait. Mrs. Elias cannot get out. No trick will go; of that you can be sure. She couldn't tunnel out on us, I believe. We will wait her pleasure. We can stand it as long as she can."

Another effort was made this afternoon to serve Hannah Elias with the papers in the civil action brought by Mr. Platt. A law clerk from the office of Warren, Warren & O'Brien called at the house and argued for fifteen minutes with Kato, but the Jap was obdurate.

"If we don't serve them direct we will serve by publication, so you better make the papers and give them to Mrs. Elias," said the clerk.

"Madam is sick," said Kato, "and I cannot disturb her. I cannot give her any papers."

The law clerk waited until another clerk came and relieved him. Then

times during the day crowds of several hundred persons have gathered in front of the house. At one time the Eighth avenue cars were blocked by the people, most of whom were colored men and women. A number of policemen were finally sent up to clear away the people.

It was intimated to-day that if Mrs. Elias does not accept service by Monday an effort will be made to institute criminal proceedings. In criminal proceedings the house door could be forced and Mrs. Elias reached in that way. In replevin proceedings the door could also be forced, but Mr. Warren and his associates are not ready yet to adopt these measures. They still hope that Mrs. Elias will see the hopelessness of her position and surrender.

Assistant District Attorney Rand, who is in charge of Mr. Jerome's office during the latter's absence at Lakeville, Conn., declined to say how far he had considered criminal proceedings against Mrs. Elias to-day.

"Mr. Jerome telephoned me to-day," he said, "that no information on the subject must be given out from this office to-day. He said that if any talking is to be done it will be done by himself on his return to New York. Mr. Jerome is cognizant of all the facts in the case and will handle it himself."

Curiosity as to the method of transfer of the vast amount of money paid by John R. Platt to Hannah Elias was settled to-day by Mr. Warren. He says that all payments were made in cash.

"Mr. Platt never gave the Elias woman a check," said Mr. Warren. "Every dollar he gave her was paid in cash at her house. He never figured in any deeds or transfers of property. She is one of the smartest women in town and fully capable of handling her own affairs. There was no man behind her directing her operations. The lawyers who have worked for her have done as she directed."

In naming all of the bank and trust companies in the city as co-defendants in Mr. Platt's suit against Hannah Elias, counsel for Mr. Platt simply instituted a spoon plan. It was not known in just what financial institutions the Elias woman had deposits and so all were named. The Commonwealth Trust Company, which was sued under the name of The Trust Company of the Republic, to-day, acting through Francis S. Hutchins, secured a discontinuance of the suit by making affidavit that Mrs. Elias has no money on deposit with it. Other financial institutions which have none of Mrs. Elias's money may secure discontinuance in the same manner. By this process of elimination the actual depositories of the woman will be located.

## TO RUSH ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR ETTLER ACCUSED OF BIG SHORTAGE

Japanese Army, It Is Reported, Will Begin Assault on Russian Stronghold Two Weeks Earlier Than Russians Expected.

LONDON, June 2.—According to the Chateau correspondent of the Express, the storming of Port Arthur will take place to-day. It is the true Japanese have outwitted the Russians in giving out the statement that the assault on the stronghold would not begin until June 15, and would continue to June 20, when the city would be taken without doubt.

It is said here that the third Japanese army will land close to Port Arthur in Pigeon Bay. This army will take part in the attack.

Despatches received here say that the advance of the Japanese army, while rapid, has been made with great caution, and was preceded by scouts, who made careful examinations of the country through which the invading army marched.

Mines Laid Near Port Arthur. Near Port Arthur it is said that these scouts came upon land mines extending several miles from Port Arthur. These mines were destroyed by the scouts, leaving the way open and safe for the advance of the Japanese.

Siege Guns Landed at Kinchow. A report received in St. Petersburg from Admiral Alexieff under date of May 28 says that the Japanese have mined the roadstead of Port Arthur to prevent the ingress of the Russian fleet. The report continues and says that the Russians have succeeded in destroying many of the mines.

A train of siege artillery has been landed at Kinchow, together with a staff from the artillery school at Ussak. An engineer battalion is waiting to disembark with loads of sapping material.

This battalion has a balloon section for use in directing the artillery in the preparation for the assault. The garrison at Port Arthur is on half rations five days in the week.

Russian Soldiers Revolt. BERLIN, June 2.—The Russian Zeitsung reports that the last force of men sent as reinforcements from Kharkoff to Manchuria caused the authorities considerable trouble and were with great difficulty started on their way to the front. The men refused to enter the train, and finally had to be pitched into the water.

Even when the troops were on the train the troubles of the officers were not at an end, for the wives of the soldiers threw themselves on the rails in front of the engine to prevent the departure of the train.

The women were forcibly removed, but immediately the troops took the places of those taken away.

The train started sixteen times. At last the commanding officer's patience was worn out and he ordered the train to proceed regardless of the women who were still on the track. The orders of the officer were obeyed and the engine started, killing and wounding several of the women.

Verestchagin's Last Drawing. ST. PETERSBURG, June 2.—The last drawing of Verestchagin, the famous Russian painter, who lost his life in the explosion of the battleship, destroyed by the Russian warship Petropavlovsk at the late Admiral Makarov and Molokai, was shown to-day at the Grand Opera-house.

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## ETTLER ACCUSED OF BIG SHORTAGE

Bank Officials in Causing Arrest of Employee Say \$60,000 Is Missing and Declare Prisoner Confessed to Part of It.

NEW HAVEN, June 2.—Douglas M. Smith, paying teller in the National Tradesmen's Bank of this city, was arrested this afternoon, charged with being a defaulter.

He is said to have confessed a shortage of about \$22,000 and \$35,000. The bank officials say they are short \$60,000.

At the bank this afternoon it was stated that the shortage was found as the result of an examination of the teller's accounts which ended last night. Smith appeared at the bank during the evening and offered to assist in the work. He had not been at the bank since last Saturday.

According to the bank officials Smith simply took cash out and lost it in speculation in bucket shops. The exact amount of his peculation is not known until about 1,000 depositors' books the examined.

The warrant on which Smith was arrested was taken from the bank. It was a warrant for \$60,000. It is understood that Smith's speculation was found as the result of an examination of the teller's accounts which ended last night.

When informed at the bank that his accounts were wrong, Smith is said to have declared he would stay in town and "face the music" as he deliberately took the money and was willing to stand the consequences. He has been living in Duncan Hall, on Chapel street, and his wife and two children, a boy and a girl, have been with him.

Smith has been paying teller for eight years. The bank officers say that apparently Smith has been taking money since the bank at the close of business. March 15 shows resources as follows: Loans and discounts, \$1,000,000; deposits, \$1,000,000; other funds, \$1,000,000; cash, \$1,000,000.

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## GIANTS ARE FIRM IN FIRST PLACE

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Seymour hit one into the right field bleachers and made a home run. Dolan beat out a slow one to McGinn. Corcoran's short fly dropped safely between Dahlen, Bresnahan and Dunn and he took second on a futile effort to catch Dolan at third. Odwell hit sharply to Matty and Dolan was thrown out at the plate. Odwell hit sharp to Matty and Dolan was thrown out at the plate. Odwell hit sharp to Matty and Dolan was thrown out at the plate.

Bresnahan fouled out to Woodruff. Corcoran's fast assist nailed Dunn at first. Dahlen got Odwell an easy out. NO RUNS.

Woodruff pitched on a grounder to Gilbert. Browne squeezed Pett's aerial contribution. Sudhoff fanned out. NO RUNS.

Griffith sent an easy fly to Seymour. Bowdoin lined a single over Huggins' head. Pett's quick throw to Dahlen kept Bowdoin from scoring. Huggins' fly at first, according to Empire Zimner, looked as though the big pitcher got back safely. Mathewson was presented with a free ticket. Browne hit to Corcoran and Pett was forced at the midway. NO RUNS.

Huggins was a victim of Matty's deceptive drops. The pitcher threw out Dahlen. Dolan struck out. NO RUNS.

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## TRAVIS PLAYS FOR TITLE TO-MORROW

American Player Has Good Chance to Win Amateur Golf Championship of England in the Finals.

### DEFEATS TWO OF ENGLAND'S BEST GOLFERS TO-DAY.

E. D. Blackwell Will Be Yankee's Opponent To-Morrow—First Time United States Has Ever Reached this Round.

LONDON, June 2.—In the fifth round of the amateur golf championship contest at Sandwich to-day, Walter J. Travis, the American champion, beat H. H. Hilton, the former British champion, by 5 up and 4 to play, thus reaching the semi-final.

H. G. Hutchinson beat R. Maxwell, the present holder of the championship, at the nineteenth hole.

Travis made a splendid start and won his first and second, where Hilton was bunkered. Travis took the third. After four holes he led by four at the eighth, but lost the ninth through slightly slicing the second shot. He was three up at the turn.

Hilton won the eleventh, but thereafter Travis played grand golf, winning the next three holes. He brought the match to an end at the fourteenth, where he laid a full iron shot dead.

The American's victory over the open and amateur ex-champion caused a great sensation on the links.

In the semi-final Travis beat Hutchinson by 4 up and 2 to play, thus reaching the final.

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